

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-4 and 9-12 have been canceled from this application. The Applicants retain the right to present these claims in subsequent amendments to the present application or in subsequent divisional or continuation applications.

Claims 5-8, and 13-14 have been retained from the original application, and have been amended to delete reference numerals, which are not required by U.S. Law. The amendment does not narrow the scope of the claims in any way.

The amended "Brief Description of the Drawings" section now adds the new Figure 8, support for which can be found in the specification. This new paragraph on page 9, beginning at line 16, after the paragraph on lines 6-15, also takes into consideration the addition of the new Figure 8.

This Preliminary Amendment also adds the new Figure 8. Figure 8 is similar to Figure 7, the only differences being that figure 8 shows P+ buried regions and an N substrate. P+ buried regions are disclosed, for example, at page 1, line 16 of the specification. An N substrate is disclosed, for example, at page 7, line 7 of the specification. Applicant has also briefly amended the specification

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at pages 6 and 9, as shown above to reflect the introduction of a new Figure.

This Preliminary Amendment also adds the new Abstract.

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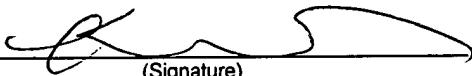
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